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Good and true Newes from Bedford :

Declaring the pollitick and profitable exploit of
Collonell Mountague comming with his Forces from Cam-
bridge, and obtaining entrance into that Towne under the de-
nomination of being Forces commanded by Collonell Hurrey
and Sir Lewis Dives for the King, by which meanes he was
well entertained, and under pretence seized many Horfes, and
tooke divers sums of money, which was before collected for the use
of the King, but now imployed for the benefit of the Parliament
and State ; In a Letter sent from Bedford to London,
by a Gentleman there residing.

Together with another Letter from the L I O N, a
Ship in service for the Parliamen^t resident now at Hull, de-
claring the good service performed by the Sea-men on
Land, against the Earle of Newcastles Forces, dri-
ving them from their siege tooke nine Peeces of
Ordnance, whereof one was called the Queenes
pocket Pistoll, received from Denmark,
Anno Dom. 1643.

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Declaring the polittick and profitable exploit of Collonell *Moutague* comming with his Forces from Cambridge, and obtaining entrance into that Towne under the denomination of being Forces commanded by Collonell *Hurrey* and Sir *Lewis Dives* for the King, by which meanes he was well entertained, and under pretence seized many Horses, and tooke divers sums of money, which was before collected for the use of the King, but now employed for the benefit of the Parliament and State ; In a Letter sent from *Bedford* to London, by a Gentleman there residing.

Together with another Letter from the LION, a Ship in service for the Parliament resident now at Hull, declaring the good service performed by the Sea-men on Land, against the Earle of Newcastles Forces, driving them from their siege tooke nine Peeces of Ordnance, whereof one was called the *Queenes pocket Pistol*, received from Denmark,
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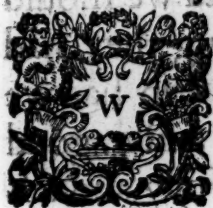
Good and true News from Bedford:
 Pertaining the possibick and profitable exploit of
 Collorell Crumwells comming with his Forces from Cam-
 bridges, and obtaining entrance into that Towne upon the de-
 nomination of being Forces commanded by Collorell Waverley
 and Sir Lewis Dives for the King, by which means he was
 well entertained, and under pretence seized many Horses, and
 too many thousands of money, which was before collected for the use
 of the King, but now employed for the benefit of the Parliament
 and State; This Letter first from Bedford to London,
 by a Gentleman there residing.

Together with another Letter from the L. C. N. &
 Ship in service for the Parliament, tell me now at Hall, de-
 claring the good service performed by the German on
 Land, against the Battle of New-Bliss Forces, dis-
 venging them from it it being took nine Pieces of
 Ordnance, whereof the King called the Queen
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S^r R,

WE have had some pretty passages here which I thought good to make you acquainted with. On Thursday and Friday last, being the 26. and 27. of this instant Moneth, Collonel *Mountain* went forth into the Enemies quarters with onely 2. Companies of Dragoners, and 1. troope of horse going to *Bedford*, for we heard they had some small force there: but when we came there, they were all gone from thence. But take notice by the way, that we went as a partie of the Kings horse, and were made very welcome in the Town; And having heard before that the Commission of Array had given them charge to raise Money and Horse for the Kings use, and they being as ready as may be to put it in practise we asked them where the honest men lived that

was to gather the Money: being directed,
we came to the house and asked for the men,
who said, VVe had very small time as yet to
do any thing; but what they had we should
have it very willingly, wishing they had
more to do the King good, and so had we
too, the summe being but 7. li. and 4. good
horse: VVe taking them thankfully, and tel-
ling them we would visit them for more
shortly: Do, and welcome, say they, and so
being prayed for by them, we left them and
marcht towards S. Needs, where we had
more of the same sport, taking more horse
that was kept for the same purpose also. And
another pretty passage had almost forgot-
ten, at a little Town by the way we had 5.
horse that vvas kept for the same purpose al-
so, and while they were searching the house
I had command to stand at the back side of
an orchard to see that no body ran out at the
back side, and whilest we stood there, there
came a man down the lane, and seeing some
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Force stand there, he rode back again: I
seeing, having the command of those that
stood vvith me, I took a Souldier vvith me
and rode after him, and vvhen vve had gai-
ned him vve told him that he vvvas going to
Cambridge to tell the Roundheads that we
vvwere there: and telling him that he vvvas an
old usuring Roundhead, and one that had
lent the Parliament money, and being urged
upon it, swore that he never lent them any,
nor payd the taxations, but vvhat they strai-
ned and took by force, telling us that for the
King he would do any thing: He was high
Constable of the place 5. year, and gathered
the Ship-money, and put some men in pri-
son for non-payment of the Money, and
told us that he had perswaded as many as he
could not to take the Oath nor Protestation,
and giving us notice of all the parts and par-
ties of the Countrey, and how every person
of quality stood affected, and by that means
we got more horse, and are promised more

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for the King, but when they are ready we
shall turn Cavaliers again to fetch them: the
mans name is *Edward Cosens*, and he liveth
at a place called *Roxson*. And the Captains
names are, *Cap. Taylor*, *Cap. Lawrence*,
Cap. Langrige, and so marcht to *Huntington*, sen-
ding *Captain Taylor* Quarter-master to quarter
500. of the Kings Forces, laying *Collonel Hurrey*
and his company was to quarter there that night,
and *Sir Lues Dyves* and others, who when they
heard that the Kings forces was coming there,
they rang the Bels for joy, and so we did know our
friends from our foes, and still raised our force of
horse, so that we had a considerable number which
did help us to make up our Dragoners. And so in
haste I rest,

Yours,

gave them the shift and overthrow, we lost ten men and
twelve hurt, and ten taken prisoners, one was that valiant and
worthy Commander *Captaine Rainsborow*, wee took that
day of the Kings forces at least six or seven score prisoners,
but how many of them were killed is not certainly knowne,
for as they were killed, they stript them and threw them into
ditches, so that wee cannot heare of above three or foure
score that were killed, but I beleve they lost more: They
demand for the ranfome of *Captaine Rainsborow* foure of his
best Guns in his ship; but it will not be granted them; my
Lord *Fairesfax* doth offer them two Knights, or any of their
Captaines that we have taken of theirs for him, but as yet it
will not be taken for him: They are all quite runne away to
Yorke, and have carried *Captaine Rainsborow* Prisoner with
them, but I doubt not but that they will bee glad to release
him againe. Thus in hast I rest,

Tarmouth, October 24.

Yours T. K.

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